

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL *for the Eighth Circuit*

STATISTICAL REPORT

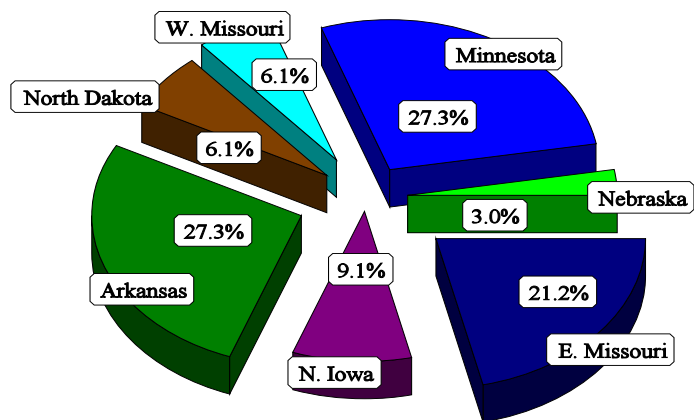
JANUARY 1, 2018 thru DECEMBER 31, 2018

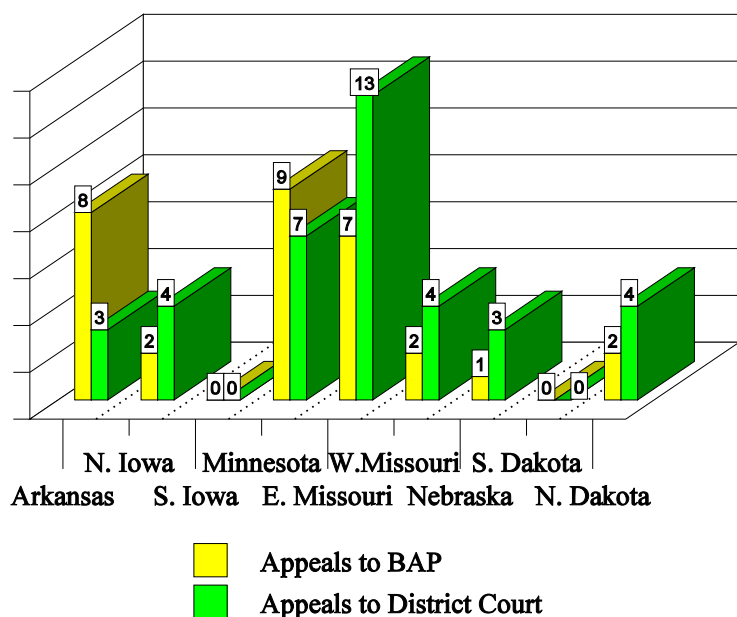
New Case Filings

Thirty-three new cases were docketed by the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel in 2018. Fifteen of those cases (45%) were filed by pro se litigants. Of the cases filed, twenty-one were appeals from contested matters and twelve were appeals from adversary proceedings. The graphics below illustrate the breakdown of case origin by district.

New Cases

Arkansas	9
Northern Iowa	3
Southern Iowa	0
Minnesota	9
Eastern Missouri	7
Western Missouri	2
Nebraska	1
South Dakota	0
North Dakota	2
TOTAL	33





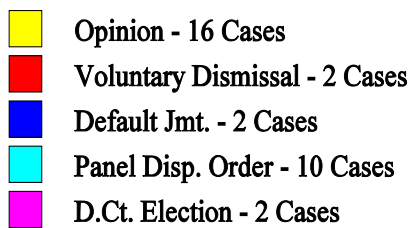
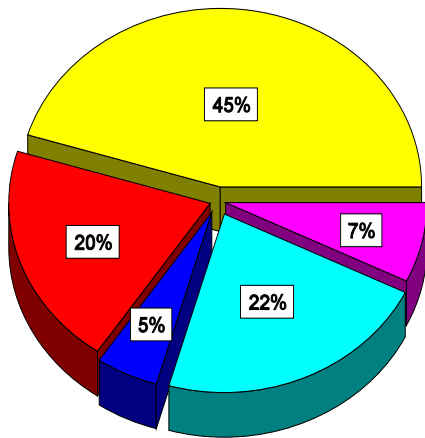
District Court Elections

The chart to the left compares the number of appeals taken to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel with those taken to the District Courts. In 2018, sixty-nine appeals were taken from the Bankruptcy Courts. Thirty-one of those cases (45%) were appealed to and remained with the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel; thirty-eight of the cases (55%) were appealed directly to or were transferred to the District Courts.

Case Processing Time

Listed in the table below are average processing times calculated for cases which were briefed, submitted on the merits and subsequently closed in 2018.

Interval:	1	2	3	Total Processing Time
From:	Docketing	Aplee's Brief	Submission	
To:	Aplee's Brief	Submission	Disposition	
Cases Submitted w/Arg.	102 days 3.3 months	97 days 3.2 months	36 days 1.2 months	236 days 7.7 months
Cases Submitted w/o Arg.	84 days 2.7 months	36 days 1.2 month	31 days 1 month	151 days 4.9 months
All Cases	99 days 3.2 months	85 days 2.8 months	36 days 1.2 month	220 days 7.2 months

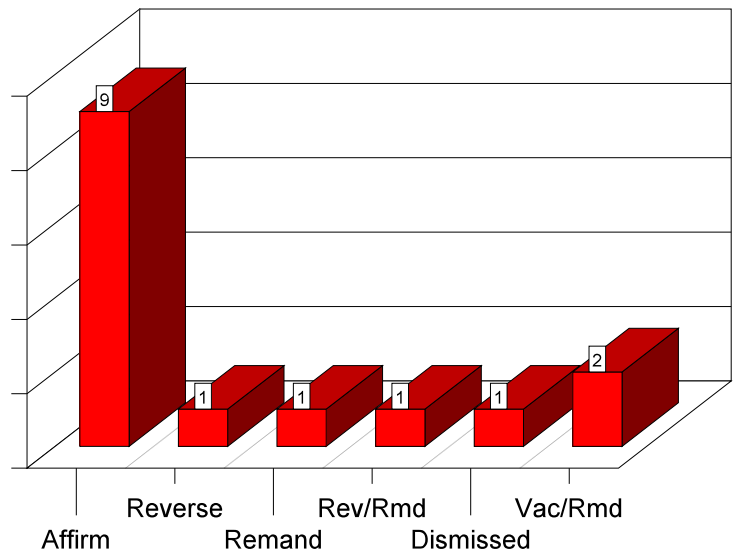


Case Dispositions

Thirty-two cases were closed in 2018. The court wrote a total of fifteen opinions which disposed of sixteen cases. To the left is a breakdown of the method by which each case was closed.

Opinion Breakdown

The chart to the right breaks down each opinion by its outcome. As shown in the chart, 60% of the opinions affirmed the Bankruptcy Court decision.



Panel Referrals

In 2018, thirteen initial referrals were made to Administrative Panels. In addition, twenty matters were referred back to prior Ad Panels, resulting in a total of thirty-three Administrative Panel referrals. Six cases were submitted on the merits without oral argument and ten cases were submitted on the merits after oral argument. Hearings were held in St. Paul, St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha.

Appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals

A total of twenty-one bankruptcy appeals were taken to the U.S. Court of Appeals in 2018. Of those appeals, ten were from District Court decisions and eleven were from Bankruptcy Appellate Panel decisions.

Ten BAP cases were closed by the Court of Appeals in 2018. Following is a breakdown of the method by which BAP cases appealed to the Court of Appeals were closed:

Affirmed..	6
Dismissed..	3
Voluntarily Dismissed.	1